

Luing bulls to the fore.

The Luing Cattle Society staged its 54th Annual Premier Sale at Wallets Mart, Castle Douglas on Friday 8th February 2019. Storm Erik tried to interfere with the pre-sale proceedings but failed.

At the pre-sale show, judged by Stewart Wood, Stromness, Orkney, selected the champion pair of in calf heifers from Robert McNee Ltd, Benhar selling to Messrs Burke, Eddleston for 3100gns. Reserve champion in calf heifers went to D & A Stanners, Tyneside. Top price for in calf heifers was 3200gns from Robert McNee Ltd being purchased by Messrs Burke. Overall average for 22 in calf heifers forward and sold was 2411gns (£2296).

The champion pair of bulling heifers was awarded to Prof. Penny, Harehead which went on to sell for 1450gns to Messrs Herdman, Demesne, Alnwick. Reserve champion pair of bulling heifers went to Paddy Crerar, Lammerview selling to 1900gns to M Phillips, Mains of Minnydow, Springholm. Top price for the bulling heifers was 1900gns (Lammerview & Craigdarroch) with the overall average for 160 bulling heifers forward and sold being 1338gns (£1275).

Demand for Luing bulls met with a strong trade. Of the 31 bulls forward for sale, 28 found new homes giving a clearance rate of just over 90% and three bulls being purchased over 10,000gns. Top price, from R & H McNee, went to Finlarg Warrior finally being purchased by Prof. Penny, Harehead for 18,000gns. Next at 17,000gns was a bull from Prof. Penny, Harehead Walker, being purchased by Messrs McArthur, Nunnerie. Robert McNee Ltd went on to sell Benhar Wrangler to Kedzlie Farms for 10,000gns. Overall average for bulls was 6241gns (£5,944).